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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PL 480 TITLE I ASSISTANCE FOR LEBANON

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1. WITHOUT CONSULTING GOL THIS EMBASSY NOT REPEAT NOT NOW IN POSITION TO COMMENT ON LEBANON'S NEED FOR PROPOSED COMMODITIES (REFTEL A). DEPARTMENT AND AID WILL NOTE THAT 4.2 MILLION DOLS FOR PL 480 TITLE II PROGRAM THROUGH CRS AND CARITAS, WHICH WILL FEED 400,000 PERSONS FOR THREE MONTHS, HAS JUST BEEN INITIATED. WE UNCERTAIN AS TO NEED EVEN FOR THIS PROGRAM, IN ABSENCE OF ANY DETAILED AND CONVINCING SURVEY ON THE GROUND OF LEBANON'S FOOD NEEDS. PRESIDENT SARKIS HAS JUST ORGANIZED HIS FIRST GOVERNMENT AND WE WOULD EXPECT THAT GOL WILL NEED SOME ADDITIONAL TIME BEFORE IT CAN ADDRESS SYSTEMATICALLY LEBANON'S FOOD NEEDS IN THE NEXT MONTHS.

2. SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT AND AID BE PREPARED DISCUSS PROPOSED PROGRAM WITH LEBANESE SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL EMISSARY GHASSAN TUEINI, WHO DUE ARRIVE WASHINGTON DEC 14 (SEPTELS).

3. ON QUESTION OF MANDATE OF ALEXANDER GEMAYEL AND ELIE TOUMA (REFTEL A PARA 4), SEE REFTEL B. ALEXANDER GEMAYEL CLEARLY DOES NOT ENJOY ANY MANDATE FFROM SARKIS GOVERNEMTN. HE DID NOT MENTION TO EMBOFF ON DEC 4 THAT
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TOUMA WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING HIM TO WWASHINGTON. WE

SUSPECT, IN FACT, THAT GEMAYEL AND TOUMA ARE TRAVELING WITHOUT THE AWARENESS OF PRESIDENT SARKIS OR PRIMIN HUSS. EMBASSY THEREFORE CONCURS WITH DEPARTMENT'S INTENTION TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAM WITH GEMAYEL AND TOUMA ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS AND NOT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC ORDERS. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, TOUMA IS EX-HEAD OF GOL'S CEREAL OFFICE AND MAY BE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT CEREAL SUPPLY SITUATION.

4. ABOVE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE INTERPRETED AS NEGATIVE REACTION BY EMBASSY TO PL 480 PROGRAM FOR LEBANON. WE SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE STATISTICAL BASIS TO DETERMINE WHAT KIND OF PROGRAM REQUIRED.
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